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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Lyle E. Decker of Rock Island, who passed away on December 11, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Lyle Decker was born to Charlie and Minnie (Hall) Decker in Burgess on March 9, 1932; he graduated from Aledo High School and then served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War; he was formerly married to Joyce Bewley; he later married Maxine Beasley Taylor in August of 1982; and

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WHEREAS, Lyle Decker worked at Bear Manufacturing for 26 years until their closing; he later worked at Material Products and Tri-City Manufacturing for many years; he owned Decker's Welding and did upholstery work from his shop at home; he was a deputy sheriff with the Mercer County Sheriff Department and later for the Aledo Police Department; and

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WHEREAS, Lyle Decker was a member of the Illinois Police Association; and

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WHEREAS, Lyle Decker loved camping, fishing, playing pool at Maggie's Place in Reynolds, going to casinos with his daughters, and wintering in Arizona; and

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1           WHEREAS, Lyle Decker was preceded in death by his parents;  
2 his wife, Maxine; his grandson, Brandon Gehn; his brothers,  
3 Bert, Arvid, Lee, Charles, and Cletus Decker; and his sister,  
4 Lila Bloomfield; and

5           WHEREAS, Lyle Decker is survived by his daughters,  
6 Christine Palmer, Kathy (Kurt) Gehn, and Cindy Miller; his  
7 stepchildren, Albert "Butch" (Karen) Taylor and Sandy Conklin;  
8 his grandchildren, Deena Bradford, Tara Carr, Justin (Amy)  
9 Fowler, Honesty (Dewey) Trobaugh, Christopher (Trish) Reed,  
10 Kyle Tharp, Matthew (Micheala) Gehn, Sean Flynn, and Casey  
11 Flynn; his fourteen great-grandchildren; his two  
12 great-great-grandsons; and his numerous nieces, nephews, and  
13 additional family; therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
16 Lyle E. Decker and extend our sincere condolences to his  
17 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
18 further

19           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to the family of Lyle Decker as an expression of our  
21 deepest sympathy.